

Boston. March 7. 1838.

Dear Debora.

Wed evening

You had been gone about an hour when
Cllnt Mary departed in the Duxbury stage. Mr. Phillips, who was on his way to S. Scituate, bore her company & she admired him. In the course of the morning I called at the office & there saw Alwood's report & resolution on Texas which are very good. I learned too from Drapp that the Free Ch folks will not let us have their church next May till after they have let all the other applicants use it first, in which case our meetings could not be held while the other anniversaries are in session. Mr. Phelps is, therefore, looking round for another place & hopes to get the Odeon. When I came home found Mary Soule. She brought a missive from Elizabeth that Emma was to stay there some time longer, & that Emma must come over. Accordingly, in the after noon Emma went & the Lurie are there now. I walked out with Mary & then chancing to call at Licknor's saw a little article by Mrs. Child in the Mercantile that is very very well. Angelina is the subject. Caroline took tea at Roxbury & Mrs. Gray has agreed to receive her. Henry & Maria came in the evening both very cork a hoop, a Board meeting having been held. The Report passed, only Phelps & Horton, the Methodist brother you know, voting negatively. Eliis voted to accept it with the exception of the Tory part & I believe that on the whole he could give no opinion on that, as he was ignorant of facts. Henry talked a great deal & spoke strongly and was pleased with himself Garrison did not say a great deal. Garrison was asked for his vote by Phelps, as I understood Henry. You know he was the presiding officer & therefore I suppose, did not vote as he put the question "yea" said the worthy man. Garrison then asked that a vote might be put that he might be at liberty to leave out what he liked. This passed Henry voting negatively. I do not approve this in Garrison. He should never have expressed or shown emotion with regard to it & so had it not been for it at the instigation of unbending integrity & principle. If it was not a matter of conscience with him, he should not have done it, & if it was he

should never have altered it, if the Soc. or its managers
sustained it. I regret it, but I cannot depend on Garrison
as I used to. The Board yesterday did reluctantly, at Dr. Wood's
as an agent, giving him \$600 of his travelling expenses.
At Henry's investigation they also voted their thanks to Ange-
line Grimké for her late exertions & requested Sarah &
herself to continue their labours in Mass in the way &
mode that their own views of duty dictated. Maria is
much encouraged concerning the Mass Board. E. Quincy
behaved sweetly. Maria has received the life of Mr
Dowdall from Mrs. Broome, with the request that she
will review. It is a book as large as Carlyle & written in
a very masterly manner. I have thought it possible that
Wesley might be the author. It is too free to be written by
Leavitt. It produced a very great effect on my mind. I
owe it to truth to say it has altered my feelings to the
cause of Moral Reform more than any thing it ever read
before. I am constrained to say of Mr. Dowdall as Wesley did
of somebody or other "He had the mind that was in Christ." I
have not read a Memoir for years that convinced me so
strongly of the man's Christian character as this has done.
I think too he was treated by the Female Benevolent Soc.
in a manner so disgraceful that public disgrace must
rest upon the women mainly concerned. Ask the Drs to buy
it. It is worth more than 20 common biographies. Tell the
Dr this that I have written for I owe him the amende
honorable in regard to Mr. Dowdall. I wish he would take
"The Friend of Virtue". Tell him there is a good article in the
last No by Mr. O'Neil. Ask Mrs. Rugg also if their N. R. Soc.
cannot take 1 or 2 copies. Today I had a letter from Aunt
Mary. She found Grandma much better than she had ex-
pected & all the rest are tolerable. It has been snowing
so that I have not been out to day. Lizzie has been here
ever since you left. Caroline has gone to Maria's this evening
if she returns with news. Maria has been out to Brookline
I will write more. If not good night. — Chas come. Maria
heard no special news but had a good time. Wonderful to say
for the first time the Grimkés became aware of the ill-
behaviour of the N. York folks. Maria opened to them the
whole ground floor at which they were much amazed. Let me
finish by a little about Mr. Ladd. He amused himself at the Marlboro

with fund my Witticisms about "the gentle Angelina" paying that
he expected to live to see her ^{so} married to "a strapping nigger"
Dr. Philbrick told all this ^{so} at noon & in the afternoon Mr. Ladd
came out to see them "why Mr. Ladd" were Angelina's first
words "I am surprised thou shouldest come to see us after thy
conversation about us at the Marlboro". Mr. L. begged their
pardon, was dreadful sorry, but said he had sometimes a foot-
it way of running on ~~it~~ — Friday morning. 9th. Yesterday
morning Henry Lee called at the door & left a letter for you
from Abby Briggs. I opened the letter that I might let you know of
its contents without sending it. You need suspect no other motive for
Maria says you know that it is neither of a drag to her to get
through with one of them. I will copy ~~the~~ the important part.
I have but a minute to write only long enough to ask you if
you can make your visit when I mentioned. Mrs. Doubleday
thought it would be a very good time & would be very happy
to have you come. Mr. Emerson's term closes a week from next
Friday, so, if you can come then do & make me happy for me.
Mrs. Emerson says she loves you as well as ever even better & that
she is going to housekeeping in the spring & wants you to come
& stay with her 8 months — "If you can come at that good
time do write me word". There was very little more than this
in the letter & nothing of import. H. Lee was waiting for her letter
If he calls here I shall send Abby a few lines stating that you are
at A. B. Gorton &c. As to your going, you know your own plans
best. You had better write to Abby & tell her what you design
to do. I see no objection to your going, if it were not for the
expense. Now, perhaps you have made some plan about going
with Mr. Bent. I worked on my slipper all day & finished all the
corals. At 3 I ran full tilt to the library & to my great surprise
(tho' that was what I went for) got the last no. of Scott's Life, just
out. I read it last evening & you may judge what a poron-
ful book it was when I left you I cried over it, & I don't re-
member ever doing that before since I came to Womans estate
if we were turned out of our house & not a rag left us I could
not feel as bad as I did about Scott's failure. Maria took tea
here. Garrison thinks about with drawing the objectionable part in
the Report about Jones out of regard to Phelps' feelings. Maria
went to see him yesterday afternoon to try to save him from
this act of madness; for certainly if he gives up this point he denies
the truth. He should not give up for Phelps' feelings. If he were to
give up for every body's it should be for Fitch & Trower's. Poor Mrs.
Phelps is much worse, another abscess coming. Caroline went out

To Canbridge last night & came back this morning, tho' the
snow was deep. Lucy & Emma are left there. The sonings
are all out there, Margaret Fuller with them, so I suppose she has
variation. There is some prospect of getting the Odeon for the
Garrison's, but it is not yet decided. If you have not written
the time you get this, write & let us know whether you think of
going to N. B. when you will come back &c. I have put on my
plaster & think it has helped me. Give my love to the Dr. & Mrs.
Gray & the children. Read any thing in my letter that may
be to the Dr's edification. Tell him that I will come to

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see him next month, if he sends me a very polite invitation.
You ever A. W. W. I will leave this little space in case any thing
great happens before the time of sending. M. by the way, I did
see Garrison yesterday as he was up at some quack or other's taking
a steam bath. How ever she is going again & I imagine will get
steam bath again.

We are all just
going to Brookline
Sunday.

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